TEACHERS LISTEN TO LECTURES,

Practical Men Tell of Their Experience in Educational Matters.

A CALIFORNIA PROFESSOR TALKS.

Addresses by Inspector-General Atkinson and Dre Lyons-Professor Brown Explains the Methods in Vogue in Other Countries-Working Sections,



HE Teachers' Association held a monthly meeting last evening at Y. M. C. A. Hall. The time was devoted almost solely to instruction lectures,

which were listened to with great interest by the large audience present. The programme was commenced by a piano solo by Miss Carrie Castle. It was received with applause.

A. T. Atkinson, the Inspector-Géneral of Schools, was the first speaker. His address was on educational aims. He said that the greatest aim was to reach the ideal of mental and moral training. He spoke of the necessity of a common base upon which to build, and pointed out that language afforded that base. He said it was impossible to obtain the best results from primitive languages; the experiment had been tried here in the old Hawaiian schools, but was a failure. The speaker said that English must be taught thoroughly, so that the child will not | On Saturday, February 16 only speak in English, but think in English also. He regretted that the kindergarten schools were being carried on with racial differences. He pointed out that one of the causes of and interest of Lau Akau in the lease of

pointed out that one of the causes of failure among teachers was the fact that they tried to do too much with the heads of their pupils. The speaker said that mere knowledge is not by any means education. This fact had been learned of late in these islands. As an instance, the speaker mentioned that a youth had been sent abroad for the purpose of getting the best education obtainable. He returned with a little knowledge, but not enough education to keep him out of difficulties. He spoke of the importance of training the hand, and said that the cultivation of the eye would naturally follow; this would lead to the greatest aim of the teacher, viz., the cultivation of the power of observation. But these aims, great as they may be, are insignificant compared with the great moral aims which should actuate the teacher.

After Mr. Atkinson finished his address, Miss Richards sang "Springs Awakening" to a piano accompaniment by Professor Richards, her

Professor Hosmer introduced Professor E. E. Brown, of the California University. Mr. Hosmer spoke of the work Mr. Brown had done in Califor-nia-a work which was having a splendid effect on the schools of the State.

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Mr. Brown said that during his short stay in Honolulu, he had become profoundly impressed with the importance of education. In no country where he had had experience was the immense responsibility of the teacher more apparent than in these islands. He agreed with Mr. Atkinson in his remarks about the importance of language training, and when he returned home he would be able to impress upon the teachers of California that importance from his experience in Honolulu. He said that two things were absolutely necessary to success in pedagogy: first, continuity of effort, and second, cooperation in that effort. He regretted that the educational world had engaged heretofore in a game of touch and go. It had tried experiments and had abandoned them without giving them a fair trial. It had seriously laid itself open to the charge of being a world of fads. The speaker said this should be overcome by continuity of effort. He spoke of the folly and uselessness of occasional teachers' meetings for the purpose of listening to speeches, and pointed out that if good is to accrue from teachers' associations, they must carefully follow and carry out a continuous line of thought. Secondly, the questions involved in education were so great that the individual could not deal with them single-handed, and therefore the wise teacher would seek the cooperation of his fellows in their common aim This plan is now being practiced, to a large extent, inGermany, where papers on educational topics are published one year before the meeting, at which the papers are to be read. This affords the students of pedagogy an opporthe papers are to be read. This affords the students of pedagogy an opporthe subject. This plan is also carried out to a large extent in Callfornia, where the State Association issues to each county thesis to be discussed by the teachers.

The speaker said the ancient system of formulating a course of study and requiring the teachers to conform to it was giving way to the better method of inducing the teachers to formulate their own course of study. The speaker regretted that the United States had not yet been able to annex Hawaii, but expressed the hope that the teachers of Hawaii would annex the sympathy and co operation of their fellows in the States. He prom-ised that for himself and the Teachers' Association of California, anything that would tend to benefit of teachers in Hawaii would be gladly under-

taken. Dr. Lyons addressed the meeting also. He said he was glad that the association had determined upon a plan of work which would agree with the advice given by the previous speakers. He expressed the hope that the "working sections" would be in

full working order within a week. A recess was then taken, during which time short meetings of the dif-

Representatives were elected by the Board of Management, and the following meetings were decided upon: Section B: Subject, "Psychology and its Bearings on Education." Representative, Miss Harriet Needham. First meeting on next Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the kindergarten rooms on Nuuanu street.

Section C: Subject, "Practical Methods in Instruction," Representative, Rev. Alex. Mackintosh. Meeting this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the clergyman's residence.

Section D: Subject, "Nature and Science." Representative, Dr. Lyons. Meets on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. par-Section E: Subject, "Child Study." Representative, Miss Brewer. No

Healani Boat Club Meeting.

date set for meeting.

There was a full attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Healani Boat and Yachting Club, held last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Several applications for membership were received, and three new members elected. Plans and specifications for the new boat house were accepted, and bids for constructing the same referred to a committee composed of President Lansing, Secretary Gear and Treasurer F. W. McChesney. The contract will be let as soon as the necessary arrangements can be perfected. It is expected that work will be commenced on the new boat house some time during the present month.

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